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In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (Currently amended). A freeze-dried composition in the form of a shaped body, comprising a rapidly soluble, open matrix of a carbohydrate polymer, wherein the composition is an intact single dosage of a therapeutic agent for oral or buccal administration, and wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

2-3 (Canceled).

4 (Previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises at least one excipient.

5 (Previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a low molecular weight carbohydrate.

6 (Previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a component selected from colouring agents and flavouring agents.

7 (Canceled).

8 (Previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, in the shape of a tablet.

9 (Currently amended). A composition obtainable by freeze-drying a solution containing a carbohydrate polymer and any other component(s), the solution being provided as a single dosage aliquot in a mould corresponding to the desired shape; wherein the composition is for oral or buccal administration, and wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

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10 (Canceled).

11 (Previously presented). The composition, according to claim 1, in the form of a shaped body that is rapidly soluble in water, comprising a therapeutic agent and, as a vehicle, an open matrix of pullulan.

12 (Currently amended). A composition, in the form of a shaped body, comprising a rapidly soluble open matrix of a carbohydrate polymer, wherein the composition is an intact single dosage for oral or buccal administration, and wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

13 (Currently amended). A composition in the form of a shaped body, comprising a rapidly soluble, open matrix of a carbohydrate polymer, which additionally comprises a therapeutic agent, wherein the composition is an intact single dosage for oral or buccal administration, and wherein the carbohydrate polymer is pullulan.

14 (Canceled).